

Village of Los Lunas



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Budget Includes More Police Officers, Transportation Center

The Village budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2004-2005 is \$26.6 million in revenues with an anticipated \$27.5 million in expenditures. The difference between revenue and expenses is accounted for by money accepted for projects in fiscal year 2003-2004 which will not be completed until after that.

The general fund revenue is \$10.8 million with an estimated general fund expense of \$10.7 million.

Special fund revenues and expenses total \$6 million and include fire, recreation, infrastructure, lodgers tax, municipal street fund, local government corrections fund, and emergency medical services special fund.

The village's enterprise fund consists of the water and sewer fund, meter deposits and solid waste.

Major capital projects are the Luna Hills Project and the Transportation Center Building.

The Luna Hills project area is generally bounded by Grant Boulevard and Crestview Drive to the west, Rio Grande Boulevard to the north, Canal Boulevard to the east, and the village limits to the south.

Proposed improvements to the north area generally include installation of sanitary and storm sewers; recon-

struction of the existing pond facilities; paving curb and gutter; miscellaneous sidewalk improvements; and street lights.

Improvements for the south area generally include installation of sanitary sewers and required paving improvements, as well as several street lights.

Funding for this project comes from a Congressional Appropriation through the Environmental Protection Agency, a New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) loan, State Legislative Appropriations, and local Village matching funds.

Ground was broken in January for the village's transportation center which will serve as the core of rail and bus services as well as a park-and-ride facility.

The village will receive \$1.23 million from the U. S. Department of Transportation to help create the center.

Transportation center plans are to build a 5,000 square foot facility with shops, sheltered bus stops, parking and a five-acre park on 18.4 acres of land located south of Courthouse Road and Village Drive.

The plans also include 9,000 square feet for shops, restaurants or office space and a patio cafe.

The next-year budget includes additional personnel:

- three police officers and a dispatcher.



Improvements to Daniel Fernandez Park are included in the 2004-2005 budget.

- one full-time emergency medical technician and firefighter.
- five full-time staff at the Parks and Recreation Department.
- one full-time and one part time library aide
- one full-time staff person in the administration department
- two full-time staff in the solid waste department.

Capital outlay projects include:

Administration: Archuleta remodel (building at Luna and Main), \$150,000; wireless and phone system, \$150,000.

- Police: computer security system, \$18,000; police units and equipment, \$65,000.

- Parks and Recreation: general park improvements, \$132,000; Daniel Fernandez Park improvement, \$509,000; grading of softball fields, \$205,000; Little League complex, \$70,000.

- Street improvements: sidewalks, \$400,000; Luna Hills, \$540,000; Christmas lights, \$15,000; Juan Perea, \$160,220; Carson Park drainage, \$200,920.

- Library: video system, \$50,000.

**VISIT THE
VILLAGE
WEBSITE**

www.loslunasnm.gov

Want to Build in Los Lunas? New Codes Effective July 1

If you want to build in the Village of Los Lunas, then you will need to follow these codes effective July 1, 2004:

- 2003 New Mexico Commercial Building Code;
- 2003 New Mexico Residential Building Code;
- 2003 New Mexico Plumbing Code;
- 2003 New Mexico Mechanical Code;
- 2002 New Mexico Electrical Code;
- 2002 New Mexico Electrical Safety Code;
- 2003 New Mexico Energy Conservation Code;
- 2003 New Mexico Existing Buildings Code;
- 2003 New Mexico Earthen Building Materials Code;
- 2003 New Mexico Non-load Bearing Baled Straw

Construction Building Code

When building in Los Lunas the following plan review and inspection procedures must be followed:

Construction documents presented by the architect, engineer or contractor for plan review and building permit must declare the versions of code used in the design process.

The village's building official shall mark construction documents accepted for plan review and building permit stating the codes used.

Inspectors are to confirm compliance with the declared codes including indicating on inspection records and approval tags the model codes (including publication year) used during the inspection process.

Luna Hills Project To Proceed

The Luna Hills Project has received a Finding of No Significant Impact from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which means that work can now proceed on this project.

Funding for the project comes from the EPA, \$803,000; State of New Mexico, \$3 million; loan \$300,000; and the village, \$630,000.

The EPA Report issued to the village says, "The project individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other actions will not have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the environment."

More information on this project is contained in the budget story on Page 1.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning Mayor

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo *Charles Griego*

Gerard Saiz *Robert Vialpando*

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk

Chief of Police Nick Balido



Whether building residential or commercial buildings, certain codes must be followed effective July 1, 2004.

IMPORTANT VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Administration office 839-3840

Council meetings/agendas, general information

Utilities Department 839-3840

Special Pickups, Solid Waste, Street maintenance, Recycling

Water Department 839-3841

Billing questions, payment arrangements, connects/disconnects, utility window

Community Development Department 839-3842

Business licenses, planning and zoning, building inspector, flood plain information, code violations, animal control.

Village offices on the east side of the Rio Grande now have new phone numbers. Please use:

Community Services 839-3859 FAX 352-3590

Transportation 352-3595 FAX 352-3592

Parks & Recreation 352-3584 FAX 352-3591

The Los Lunas/Bosque Farms Chamber of Commerce phone number has changed to 352-3596 with new fax of 352-3591.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the village council chambers in the administrative building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2004 are:

June 10 & 24 July 8 & 22 August 12 & 26

September 9 & 23 October 7 & 21

November 4 & 18 December 16 & 30

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Administration Office, located at 660 Main Street, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street in Los Lunas, NM; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).

Area Cleans Up in April and May

Cleaning up the village and its environment was the focus for many people in April and early May.

On April 22 a group of women conducted Earth Day Activities by taking pledges from residents to cleanup. Coordinated by Ms. Anna Trujillo and Hortencia Torres, twelve bags of trash were picked up between mile marker 202-203 on Interstate 25 with five volunteers — John & Lorraine Spradling, Hortencia Torres, Zach Montano and Chris Padilla.

On Saturday, May 1, 2004 five families began cleaning their neighborhood starting at Mid-Valley Airport and continuing to South Los Lentes Road. About 25 bags of trash were picked up along with boards, mattress springs and other debris.

Also on May 1, 2004 the San Clemente Community cleaned up. San Clemente is an unincorporated community outside the Village of Los Lunas. James Maag and 44 other association members have picked up over 10,000 pounds of metal and 24,520 pounds of trash totaling 17.26 tons of trash since September, 2003.

The Village opened the transfer station for people to bring their trash. Village residents and others worked together as a team on a very successful event.

Saturday, May 1, 2004 was the designated day for the cleanup by the Village of Los Lunas. Signup began at 7:00 AM in front of the Village Administrative Offices. Building inspector Adolph Lopez briefed volunteers on safety. Volunteers were provided with safety vests, gloves, water bottles, bags, and T-shirts. Seventy-one volunteers signed up and were dispatched to twelve different areas to clean. Transportation was provided to distant areas. Bus drivers were provided with maps of all cleaning areas and asked to transport volunteers elsewhere when their areas were completed. All volunteers were accounted for at the end of the cleanup. Lunch was provided for all volunteers outside the Village Administration Office building.

Local merchants donated prizes such as gift cer-



During clean up day in the village, Marie Marquez proudly shows off the Yard Vac given to the village through the Keep America Clean and Beautiful program.

tificates and other items. All volunteers were given a ticket and prizes were drawn at random. The yard vac donated by MTD and Keep America Clean & Beautiful was displayed for everyone to see.

A total of 286 bags of trash was picked up by the solid waste department. Utilities director Betty Behrend made sure the transfer station was open for trash disposal. Event coordinators Josie Navarette and Marie Marquez said everyone seemed to have a great time, with everyone having a chance to win prizes, meet people and make new friends. People had their fill of food and asked when the next cleanup would be.

Some Parkview Estates residents who did not sign up with the village cleaned their subdivision.

Areas cleaned included:

- NM State Highway 6 East/West
- NM State Highway #314 (North/South)
 - Morris Road
 - Los Lentes Road South
 - Los Lentes Road North
 - Juan Perea Road
 - Courthouse Road
 - Don Pasqual Road
 - Tondre Road
 - Los Morros entrance area
 - Luna Hill (Parkview Estates)
 - Carson Park Subdivision.



Workers filled 286 bags with trash during the clean up. Trucks and trailers hauled the bags to the village transfer station.

Zoning Atlas Available

The Los Lunas Village council has approved the village's "official" zoning map which shows the boundaries of all zoning districts within the municipality's planning jurisdiction including changes made during the last year.

Zoning atlases are available to the public at a nominal cost. In addition, the public can purchase plot maps. These will also be on the village's website which is at www.loslunasnm.gov

Burn Ordinance Adopted

As we continue dry conditions throughout New Mexico, we want to remind you that the Village Council has passed Ordinance #311 which clarifies and amends "certain burning regulations and their enforcement in the village."

All burning of trash is prohibited on private property, or on the streets and alleys except for the following which is allowed only under certain conditions:

- Disposal of fully dried weeds;
- Agricultural management, excluding timber, directly related to the growing or harvesting of crops;
- For recreational or ceremonial purposes.

If this open burning is done then certain conditions must be maintained including only burning between ten am and four pm after an application has

Beautification Program Begins July 12

The Village Summer Youth Beautification Program will get underway beginning July 12th. The program consists of cleaning up the Village Limits (picking up trash as well as cutting and raking weeds).

Applications are now being accepted at the Village Administration Office between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Deadline for turning in applications is June 11 by 4:30 pm. Students must be 14 years of age.

Employment will be for a period of two weeks, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Salary will be minimum wage which is \$5.15 per hour.

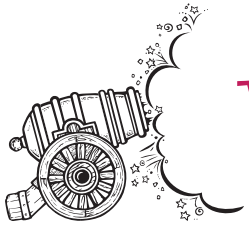
Documents needed are Birth Certificate, School ID/ Drivers License, Social Security Card and Medical Insurance Information. Anyone seeking more information may contact Marie Marquez at (505) 839-3842 or 352-7658.

been submitted to the Village Clerk or his designee, at the Village Administrative Office, 660 Main Street NW, Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm

The Los Lunas Fire Department and/or the Los Lunas Police Department will have the authority to cite violations of the new burning ordinance.

The fire chief may impose a ban upon any or all types of open fires or contained open fires in the incorporated area of the village if it is deemed that danger of forest, grass or structural fires is found to be high.

July 4th Extravaganza



Come Celebrate on Sunday, July 4th
Parade Runs from Courthouse to South Los lentes to
Main Street and then to Heritage Park

Festivities at Daniel Fernandez Park
Enjoy Tobias Rene at 6 PM Fireworks at Dusk
Enjoy the Fourth at Home!

**For information call the Village Parks
& Recreation Department 352-3584**